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1. An offer for a separate peaceful settlement with the US is already under preparation under the direction of A.A. Gromyko. This offer is part of the general policy line elaborated by Malenkov for the preservation of the status quo and the coexistence of Communist and capitalist countries during the period 1954 and 1955, in order to gain time for concentration on atomic armaments.
2. The offer of a separate settlement is being kept for the later stages of the current diplomatic maneuvers, now under way in England and France, intended to deepen the divisions among the Western nations. It will be exploited in an important propaganda campaign for Soviet understanding with the US on a two-power basis. This campaign will be in charge of G.F. Alexandrov, appointed Minister of Culture on 15 Mar 54.
3. It is planned that I.N. Zorin, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, will present the offer for two-power talks and a separate settlement just before the US elections of 1954, with a view towards strengthening isolationist feeling and forcing the Eisenhower government and the Republican Party to abandon Europe and conclude an agreement with the USSR for their own benefit.
4. New proposals for the settlement of nuclear questions on a bilateral basis will be presented, and V.A. Malyshev will be ready to make a good will trip to Washington.
5. Moscow has no fear that such an offer will alter the neutralist mood in Europe. Further political disintegration in France and Italy is expected to occur soon. Moscow believes that US capitalists, losing profits from war material production, will be convinced that the Soviet offer of a separate settlement and trade must be accepted.

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